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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams Secretary, Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

> Re: Kansas City Southern - - Control - - The Kansas City Southern Railway Company, Gateway Eastern Railway Company, And the Texas Mexican Railway Company: F.D. 34342 Safety Integration Plan Approval



Dear Secretary Williams:

In accordance with the agencies' joint rules,<sup>1</sup> the Federal Railroad Administration ("FRA") has reviewed the Kansas City Southern's Safety Integration Plan ("SIP") submitted on November 4, 2004 in the above referenced proceeding, with the revised Implementation Table submitted today.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 244.17(d), we find and conclude that this SIP is satisfactory, and is approved.

Sincerely,

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cc: David C. Reeves, Esquire Applicants' Counsel

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 49 C.F.R. Parts 244 and 1106.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The pending SIP was referenced in DOT-7, page 6.